

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 27, 2015

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Betsy Barfield, Hines Boyd, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Assistant County Coordinator Nick Flynt led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. Citizen John Nelson invited Board members and the public to a BBQ on Friday, February 27th to raise money for the Jefferson Senior Center.
3. Citizen Troy Avera announced the Homes and Heritage Tour on March 14th. He also brought before the Board an article written by Laz Aleman about Dr. Anne Holt for Tallahassee magazine.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda.**

ITEM 4: Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items

5. Citizen J.B. Messer stated there were issues with culverts on Monticello Avenue and requested assistance. Commissioner Boyd stated the Board should look at a program to address this issue moving forward.
6. Citizen Sissy Malloy gave a history of the issue of the closure of Natural Bridge Road. She stated it was the nearest route to the neighboring community of Woodville and that many people commuted for jobs, school and other purposes. She stated the road was scheduled to be closed on March 9th and listed a number of hardships it would cause. She requested the Board approve a resolution to go to other municipalities, the Department of Transportation and the Governor's Office. Commissioner Walker stated his support for a resolution. Commissioner Boyd stated that the traffic count on this road when the road study was performed was between 150 and 200 trips per day, which made it one of the most heavily traveled dirt roads at the time (but it has since been paved). Citizen Melanie Perez of Wakulla County stated she had been emailing different people regarding this issue since March 2010 and was currently working with an attorney on an injunction to prevent this closure. Commissioner Boyd stated if there was no objection, he would like to authorize the County Attorney or County Coordinator to draft a letter or resolution. He also stated that since this item was not on the agenda, it would need unanimous vote from the Board. Commissioner Hall inquired as to who would need this letter, to which County Coordinator Barwick stated Leon and Wakulla County, state and federal Departments of Transportation, and the Governor's Office. Commissioner Barfield also requested that a copy be sent to CRTPA. Citizen Jeff Britt stated the roads were even more heavily traveled during hunting season. Chairman Bishop stated there was a consensus of the Board to make this an agenda item. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved writing a resolution regarding this road closure.**

ITEM 5a: Tecumseh Road/North Barber Hill Road Bid Recommendations

7. Debbie Preble with county engineering firm Preble-Rish stated there was a bid opening earlier in the morning at 11:05 am for the two above stated projects. The low bidder for Tecumseh Road was CW Roberts at \$166,000 for resurfacing and correcting some drainage issues. The low bidder for North Barber Hill was Capital Asphalt at \$133,960. It was her recommendation to accept the low bids. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the low bidders on these projects.**

ITEM 5b: Planning Commission Appointment

8. Commissioner Hall stated he had received two qualified applicants for his Planning Commission Appointment and requested Board approval for Charles Parrish since he did not live in Commissioner Hall's district. Commissioner Barfield requested that the record reflect that there was no Planning Commissioner from District 2 and that appointing Mr. Parrish would make three representatives for District 4. She also stated her desire to see future language incorporated to ensure that each district had representation. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), Charles Parrish was appointed to the Planning Commission Board.**

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING: Fair Housing Ordinance

9. County Coordinator Barwick introduced this item and stated it was discussed at the previous meeting and had been properly advertised. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, ordinance no. 2015-021715-01 (Fair Housing Ordinance) was adopted.**

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

10. Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill informed the Board they would be receiving a check for a premium refund in the amount of \$22,505 for the Worker's Comp portion of the county's insurance lines based on a recent audit performed.
11. Commissioner Hall stated he recently drove on Lloyd Creek Road and was complimentary of how the road looked.
12. Chairman Bishop stated he had received complaints about the road shoulders on Boston Highway and also that mail carriers were having trouble getting to mailboxes on Aucilla Highway/Drifton Road and Highway 257.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

13. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk